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Description: ff. 12 - Bound, s. XVII, in black vellum wrapper. - Ownership note, f. 2v: "Johann Carl Hildebrand, Anno 1734"; Frédéric Spitzer (1815-1890) of Paris; George A. Plimpton (1855-1936). - De Ricci, p. 1793.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 9

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Language: German *Country:* Germany *Century:* 17th

Part 1: ff. 1-12v

Description: - Parchment - 212 x 190 mm - 21-24 long lines ruled in lead.

Country: Germany

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XVII

Searchable Date Range: 1600 - 1699

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;2 (?); scribe i, f. 1r-v; scribe ii, ff. 3-12.

Script: Early modern gothic cursive hands for the text; articles on f. 1r-v in book hands.

Figurative Decoration: Pen and ink drawing of "Astronomia" with two men following her instruction.

Other Decoration: Elaborate oval baroque cartouche with cherubs using astronomical instruments; 4 drawings of the astronomical clock, each from a different vantage point.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-12

Title: Description of and instructions for the operation of an astronomical clock with an armillary sphere

Language(s): German

Incipit: Erstlich, was das sphaera sampt sein enzeigern, vnd auch derselbigen lauff belangt. Soll man wissen . . .

Notes: ff. 4, 7, 10, 12, containing diagrams on larger folios (325 x 190) folded to fit the book; f. 12v blank.



f. 1 Cartouche and book curse added at a later date; the date "1543 (?)" appears to be in yet another hand.

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f. 1v Cartouche and text.

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f. 2 Astronomia as allegorical figure.

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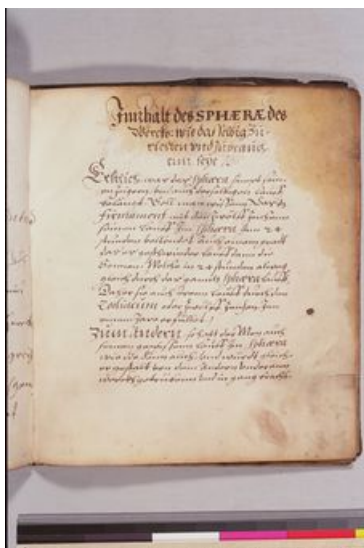
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f. 2v Added ownership note.

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f. 3 Opening of text.

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f. 4 Astronomical clock and armillary sphere.

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f. 7 Astronomical clock and armillary sphere.

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f. 10 Astronomical clock and armillary sphere.

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f. 12 Astronomical clock and armillary sphere.

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